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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6350

AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY NASSAU

AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE IN TOBAGO

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SUMMARY

ADDRESSEES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND AN OFFICER TO PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE IN TOBAGO MAY 28 AND 29. TIS CABLE PROVIDES DETAILS ABOUT SUGGESTED CONFERENCE AGENDA AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. ACTION REQUESTD: PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE TO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

1. LAST DECEMBER, AND THEN AGAIN MARCH BY LETTER, THIS POST PROPOSED THAT CARICOM ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS MEET TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF COMMON INTEREST, AND WE OFFERED TO HOST SUCH
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A CONFERENCE IN TOBAGO. THE DEPARTMENT REPLIED THAT APPROPRIATE

WASHINGTON OFFICERS COULD PARTICIPATE DURING WEEK OF MAY 27, AND WE SUGGESTED THAT THE DAYS OF THE MEETING BE MAY 28 AND 29. BRIDGETOWN, GEORGETOWN, KINGSTON AND BELIZE HAVE REPLIED INDICATING THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AND ABLE TO FUND PARTICIPATION OF OFFICERS ON THOSE DATES. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED INFORMAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION BY OFFICERS IN MARTINIQUE AND PARAMARIBO, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUGGESTED THAT INVITATIONS BE ALSO EXTENDED TO SANTO DOMINGO AND PORT AU PRINCE, THUS EXPANDING CONFERENCE SOMEWHAT BEYOND ORIGINAL CARICOM CONCEPT. ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF RECENT INTEREST EXPRESSED BY SURINAM AND HAITI IN POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH CARICOM (BRIDGETOWN 682), THIS POST BELIEVES THAT WIDEST POSSIBLE CARIBBEAN PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

2. FOR THOSE ADDRESSEES WHO DID NOT RECEIVE ORIGINAL LETTER, IDEA OF CONFERENCE IS TO DISCUSS INFLUENCE OF CARICOM ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN THE AREA; COMMERCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS (AND POSSIBLE JOINT OR MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS); MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS; AND OTHER REGIONAL MATTERS OF COMMERCIAL INTEREST. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION TOPICS MIGHT INCLUDE THE ECONOMIC QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE SUB-REGIONAL POLICY PAPER (STATE 62907) AND COMMERCE'S OBR ON CARICOM, IF A DRAFT IS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS: POST HAS TENTATIVELY BLOCKED OUT SPACE IN FIRST CLASS MOUNT IRVINE BAY HOTEL AT M.A.P. RATE (INCLUDES BREAKFAST, EVENING MEAL AND GOLF PRIVILEGES) OF \$15.00 SINGLE AND \$30.00 DOUBLE. THESE RATES WILL ALSO APPLY TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WHO MAY DESIRE TO COME EARLY OR STAY AFTER CONFERENCE TO ENJOY EXCELLENT GOLF COURSE, REEF SNORKLING AND BEACH FACILITIES. A LIMITED NUMBER OF BUNGALOWS MAY BE AVAILABLE, IF REQUESTED.

4. TRAVEL: ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN MAY 27 AND DEPART NO EARLIER THAN MAY 30. TRAVEL AGENTS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT ARAWAK/CARIBBEAN UNITED AIRWAYS (AIRLINE SYMBOL LK) HAS GONE OUT OF BUSINESS, AND TOBAGO IS NOW SERVED BY SPECIAL BWIA DOMESTIC SERVICE. FOLLOWING IS LATEST SCHEDULE (EFFECTIVE MAY 2) OF FLIGHTS TO TOBAGO:

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FLIGHT NO. DEPART PIARCO (POS)

BW 008 7:00 A.M.

BW 016 9:00 A.M.

BW 018 11:00 A.M.

BW 024 3:30 P.M.

BW 026 5:00 P.M.

BW 038 6:30 P.M.

ON FRIDAY AND SUNDAY AN ADDITIONAL FLIGHT (BW 044) DEPARTS

POS AT 8:30 P.M. ALL RETURN FLIGHTS DEPART TOBAGO 45 MINUTES
LATER THAN ABOVE TIMES. ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS POS-TOBAGO
AND RETURN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT AND ALL POSTS PLEASE CONFIRM
ATTENDANCE, ARRIVAL DATES AND LENGTH OF STAY, SO THAT THIS
EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM RESERVATIONS AT PREFERRED RATES AND COMPLETE
CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

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